

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification of the present application as set forth below. In accordance with the PTO's revised amendment format, changes are shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 5, under the heading RELATED APPLICATIONS, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to a simultaneously filed application entitled "Apparatus and Method for Dynamic Command Queue Depth Adjustment for Storage Area Network Nodes", identified as Serial No. 09/642,575 ~~[XX/XXX,XXX]~~ and attorney docket number P00-3223. This application is also related to a simultaneously filed application entitled "Data Structure and Method for Tracking Network Topology in a Fibre Channel Port Driver", identified as Serial No. 09/642,800 ~~[XX/XXX,XXX]~~ and attorney docket number P00-3224.